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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A medical needle device with winged shield, comprising:
a winged shield that has a substantially cylindrical shield tube and a pair of wings positioned at a front end side of the shield tube;
a hub that is inserted into an inner bore of the shield tube so as to be movable in an axial direction;
a needle that is mounted to a front end of the hub; and
an infusion tube connected to a rear end of the hub,
a tip of the needle being capable of being stored in the inner bore of the shield tube,
wherein at least a part of the hub is made of a material having flexibility,
the needle is inserted into and coupled with a bore of the hub at a front end thereof and the rear end portion of the hub is inserted into and coupled with the infusion tube, and
the shield tube and the hub are bendable together at least in a part of a range along an axial direction when the needle protrudes from the front end of the shield tube and is latched to the shield tube so as to be in a puncturing position.
- 2-3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously presented) The medical needle device according to claim 1, wherein the shield tube is made of a material having flexibility.
5. (Previously presented) The medical needle device according to claim 1, wherein the shield tube includes an extendable portion that is structured to be extendable and contractible, the needle can be moved in the axial direction of the shield tube by

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extending and contracting the extendable portion, and the shield tube and the hub are bendable at the extendable portion.

6. (Original) The medical needle device according to claim 5, wherein the extendable portion has a plasticity-processed accordion-like structure.

7. (Original) The medical needle device according to claim 1, wherein, when the shield tube and the hub in the inner bore of the shield tube are bent together, a minimum radius of curvature at a bent part can be 3 mm or smaller.